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REPLY Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office action of January 8, 2007, Applicants respectfully submit the following reply, constituted by amendments to the specification, drawings, and claims, and accompanying remarks urging the patentability of the claims. (This reply is being filed on June 8, 2007 along with a petition for a two -month extension of time, and is therefore timely filed.)

AMENDMENT Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper, and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 11 of this paper.